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In re Application of  
Beaman et al.  
Application No. 09/251,988  
Filed: February 17, 1999  
Attorney Docket No. YO919990088

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 11, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed May 20, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 21, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2829 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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